

the Free Church labours with unabated zeal. Her work in India has only to a limited extent been disturbed. The Missions in Bombay, Puna, Madras, and even Calcutta, continue unimpaired, notwithstanding the mutinous state of the north-western provinces. Nagpore was in the greatest danger of any of the stations, and it was mainly through the information given by the missionary there to the military authorities that the lives of the Europeans were preserved. The matters pertaining to Colleges and Schools were of considerable importance. The Free Church has now three Theological Colleges, in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, in which there are 167 students. The number of her Schools is 614, comprising 645 teachers, and 61,811 pupils. The public contributions for their support are—for Colleges, £2500, besides a capital sum of £17,000 for endowments; for Schools the annual sum is £2011. Many cases of private importance to the Church were discussed and determined by the Assembly; and, after a session of about 15 days, it was dissolved with the usual formalities.

SYNOD OF THE CANADIAN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—This Synod held its annual meeting at Hamilton on the first Tuesday of June, and was well attended by both ministers and elders. The Rev. J. Aitken of Smith's Falls was appointed Moderator. Several questions of deep interest to the denomination were under consideration, and wisely determined. The question of union occupied a large share of their attention and elicited a warm and able debate. The decisions to which they came will be found in our article on the Union Question. Their next meeting is appointed to be held in Toronto on the second Tuesday of June next.

CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEYAN CHURCH.—This Assembly met in Montreal on the first week of June, and was largely attended. Dr. Stinson, from England, was the President for the year; and we understand that the proceedings were of a most gratifying character.

THE UNION OF THE CONGREGATIONALIST CHURCHES was, we understand, held this year in Brantford, and was of a gratifying character; but, as yet, we have seen no published notice of its proceedings.

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO met on the 10th of June, the Bishop of Toronto presiding. The opening address of the Bishop was especially jubilant over the new to the Episcopal Church—extraordinary act of the free election of a Bishop for the diocese of Huron. "It was refreshing," said he, "to witness this triumph of Christian unity and love, which threw to the winds all the arguments against the free and honest choice of Bishops, which the narrow selfishness of many centuries had mustered up." We find the Committee on Church Psalmody recommending among other things that all members of choirs should also be members of the Church; that candidates for the ministry should also be instructed in the science of Sacred Music; and that congregational music should be of the simplest kind. The report of the School Committee recommended a memorial to be presented to Government for permission to establish Church of England separate schools. This was however opposed, and the matter was finally allowed to rest till next meeting of the Synod. We find a warm debate arising on the proposition to pass any measure which had been twice adopted by the Synod notwithstanding the veto of the Bishop. Against this Bishop Strachan seems to have shown determined opposition. He regarded it as such an infringement upon his Episcopal prerogative as that, if passed, it would reduce him to the position of a *primus inter pares*. "Are we," said he, "to give ourselves a Presbyterian form of government? I will never sit here as the Moderator of a Presbyterian Assembly." Such is the pious horror which the Bishop has for his old faith in which he was born, and to which he is indebted for that learning and those qualifications which have fitted him above any Anglican-born Bishop to govern his diocese with ability. After adopting a measure for the institution of a Provincial Convocation, the Synod adjourned, to meet next Autumn at Kingston.

The Diocesan Synod which met at Quebec seems to have been a noisy and unruly meeting. Bishop, clergy and laity seem to have got into a state of uproar and confusion. Our Episcopal friends will find out, sooner or later, that free Synods will only harmonise with a Presbyterian polity of one form or another. In free countries, such as Canada and the United States, Episcopacy must abate its Anglican and prelatical pretensions.

THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—This Synod held its annual meeting last month at St. Johns, and was attended by all the ministers of the body in the Province, save one. The meeting was a very pleasing one. The affairs of the Church in the Province met with prayerful consideration. Vigorous measures were resolved upon for the prosecution of their Educational and Missionary schemes. They resolved anew to proceed with their charter before the Legislature, notwithstanding the